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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

ROBERT J. HIGGINS, ET AL.

: EXAMINER: WILLE, D.

SERIAL NO: 09/911,496

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 2814

FOR:

MONOLITHIC SEMICONDUCTOR-

PIEZOELECTRIC DEVICE

STRUCTURES AND ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC CHARGE TRANSPORT

DEVICES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

As the Examiner is probably already aware, the present application is part of the Motorola "bulk filing," applications. Special IDS procedures have been approved for these cases, and two IDSs have been filed in this case since the first Official Action.

The rejection of Claims 1-15 is traversed, and Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the provisionally non-elected claims. If necessary, the Examiner is authorized to amend the rejoined claims so as to depend from Claim 1.

The rejection of the claims relies primarily on <u>Guenzer</u>, which is insufficient to reject the presently pending claims because the strain-relief material layer is not present.